

News from the City of Gardner

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Lots of Digging, It's 2005 Public Improvements!

If you have taken a drive around Gardner lately, you have surely noticed many different improvement projects. Construction season is in full swing. Here is an update on some of the major projects that will affect you as you travel about the community.

North Center Street

North Center Street construction will be complete in 2005. Currently, contractors are working on installation of wastewater lines that will eventually be connected to the new North Lift station near the corner of 167th and North Center Street. Stormwater pipe is next to be laid across North Center Street, after the installation of the wastewater line is complete. This portion of the project should be completed by the end of March. The installation of wastewater lines has been a difficult task, as the contractors have had to go through rock just below the surface to complete the work. Major work near Sunflower elementary school is nearly complete at this time. Roadway widening will begin north of Colleen Court sometime in March and is projected to be completed fall 2005. Resurfacing of North Center Street south of Colleen Court will be done later this summer as part of the North Center Street project. The project also includes installation of pedestrian pathways and landscaping.



Lincoln Lane

Lincoln Lane will undergo major improvements on the east-

side of Moonlight Road this spring. The design work for west side of Lincoln Lane, behind Price Chopper should be completed by the end of 2005, and the work to improve the road to City standards and install stormwater will begin in 2006. This portion of the project will run from Moonlight Road, west to Cedar Street and connect Lincoln Lane through to Cedar Street.

Moonlight and Main Street Intersection Design

Engineering work continues on the redesign of the Moonlight and Main Street intersection. Currently, it is planned that



southbound Moonlight Road at Main Street will have two left turn lanes, two through lanes, and one right turn lane. Northbound Moonlight at Main Street will have one left turn lane, two through lanes, a right turn lane onto Main Street, and right turn deceleration lane into the 1st Kansas Bank entrance and a left turn lane at Lincoln Lane. There will be a median installed between Main Street and Madison Street with breaks at Lincoln Lane and at the entrance between the All Rentals and Dollar General. The following Moonlight Road entrances will be right in, right out: Moonlight Plaza Shopping Center (Price Chopper), Trails West Ace Hardware, and the First Kansas

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City of Gardner is Now Accepting Payments on the Web!



Gardner has recently begun accepting online payments of utility bills.

Utility Billing Online offers a convenient way for customers to track and pay their electric, water and sewer payments. It also provides a record of your utility usage over time. It is part of the City's effort to give its citizens access to information you need at your convenience!

As a customer, you can obtain billing information by regis-

tering your utility account number and PIN (Personal Identification Number) number, which you can receive from the Finance Department.

Along with this new service, the City is also accepting credit card payments as an option to pay your monthly utility bills.

Go to www.gardnerkansas.com to learn more about this exciting new service!



The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

It is an exciting time for me as I review all that the City Council and staff have accomplished over the past year, and also what the developer and business communities have added to our town. We certainly never rest in this fast growing city, and I am pleased to share in this edition of the newsletter some of what we can expect to see in 2005.

The City Council and staff have prepared long-term plans for the orderly development of Gardner, even with this high growth. I am happy to say we are implementing those plans by investing in existing and new parks, streets, and utility infrastructure. We have added new employees, training and tools to ensure that the level of service stays high at a reasonable cost. As Gardner grows, we are seeking to maintain that level of personal service you deserve, while offering the technology that you expect.

In addition to the many important capital projects the City is working on in 2005, we also continue working with the Gardner Area Chamber of Commerce and Southwest Johnson County Economic Development Corporation on plans to retain, expand and bring in new businesses. We continue to see investment in downtown adding vitality to the historical buildings. Work has also begun at the new developments on the northeast corner of Main and Moonlight, which will provide new services, shopping and dining possibilities to those living, working and traveling through Gardner.

The area near Cedar Niles and 56 Highway will welcome an Arby's Restaurant, an expanded McDonald's and the addition of new retail space. Gardner will also see the start of construction of the Wal-Mart at Cedar Niles Road and East Santa Fe. This development will include a 159,000 sq. ft. Wal-Mart Super Center, and other retail and restaurant sites will be located around the new facility. Wal-Mart is scheduled to open its doors to Gardner residents early in 2006.

The City of Gardner promises to continue to work together with the citizens, clubs and organizations in the community to achieve smart growth, while rallying community spirit and keeping our hometown pride alive. It is good to enjoy all that Gardner offers.

Sincerely,



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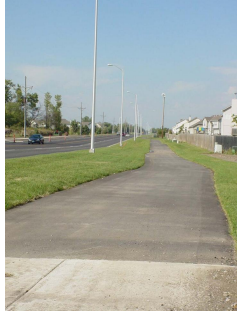
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Parks Begins 2005 Projects

Here is a sample of some of the exciting park and recreation projects that Gardner has planned for 2005:

- Construction will begin on the new Stone Creek Park located east of Moonlight Elementary School, in the Wildcat Run, Pumpkin Ridge and Cottage Creek subdivisions. The eleven acres were purchased through a combined effort of a benefit district formed by the residents and park impact fees that were collected from home builders. The first phase of develop-



ment is scheduled for 2005. It includes a trail from Moonlight to Woodson, 20 ft. x 30 ft. shelter, playground, grading for a field, and planting of ornamental and shade trees and native grass. Two other future phases are planned to complete development of this recreation area.

- Westside Park will receive new outfield fencing, infield grading, and parking lot rehabilitation.
- Pedestrian trails will be added along North Center Street.

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Bank. Traffic on Moonlight Road will use a shared entrance to Moonlight Plaza to access Gardner National Bank. A traffic signal will be installed at Lincoln Lane. The plans are not yet complete and will have to go to the City Council for final approval. Construction is planned to begin in 2007 and completed in 2008.

East Sewer Lift Station Project



The East Lift Station will be operation by May. This project removes the old lift station and replaces it with a lift station that has the capacity need for the growth on the eastern side of Gardner.

North Sewer Lift Station Project

The design is to be completed by the first of April and work to construct the new station is scheduled to start mid summer near the corner of 167th Street and North Center Street. Work to replace 3,000 ft. of wastewater lines that will eventually flow to the new station has continued ahead of the widening of North Center Street. Once completed the former North Lift Station at Colleen Drive and North Center Street will be taken out of service. The new station will better service the growth in the northern portions of Gardner.

Grand Street Wastewater Relief Project

Construction is set to begin the end of March on the installation of new wastewater line from the intersection of Grand Street and Oak Street to the Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project will take several months to complete. The new line is being installed to accommodate the growth in the southwest portion of Gardner.

Electric Line Extension from Substation No. 2 to New Substation No. 3

In late March construction on the electric line extension to the new electric Substation No. 3 will begin. Materials for the project have been purchased. The City is working on obtaining the necessary easements and land for the transmission lines and the new substation.

Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant Expansion

Hillsdale will undergo a planned expansion in 2005 to double the total capacity to 4 million gallons per day. This expansion will help meet the demands of the growth in Gardner.

Water Main Extensions

Construction will begin shortly on extending several water mains along 167th Street and Moonlight Road and along Madison and Center Street. These projects will join gaps in the existing system and increase pressure and supply to the areas.

Community Calendar

Gardner Historical Museum presents elementary school art on display

March, April and May
and

Textile Preservation Talk

March 26th

www.gardnerhistory.org

State Gymnastics Meet
Gardner/Edgerton High School

March 18-20th

www.kansasgymnastics.org

Last day to Register to Vote
in City General Election

March 21st

City General Election
April 5th

Spring Open House for
Downtown Merchants
Saturday, **April 9th**

Earth Day/Arbor Day
Celebration
Saturday, **April 16th**
11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For details see the Park and
Recreation Guide or visit
www.gardnerparks.com.

May Day Celebration
Lanesfield School
May 1st
www.jocomuseum.org

City-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, **May 7th**
Sponsored by Downtown
Merchants Association
Sign up your garage sale, at
a downtown merchant

City-Wide Spring Clean Up
May 14th, Watch for Details



Tornado Siren Testing Begins in March

Tornado season in Kansas runs from April through June. The Johnson County Emergency Management Department tests warning sirens on the **first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.**, weather permitting.

The sirens are located at 175th Street near the Municipal Airport, at Colleen Street in the Parma Subdivision, at Washington & Walnut Streets, at 185th and South Center Street and near Broadmore in the eastern portion of Gardner. These sirens are an *outdoor* warning system and are not meant to be heard inside your home or in your basement.



If an actual tornado emergency is in effect, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will have officers in patrol cars using their vehicle sirens to assist in warning residents. The DPS encourages every resident to invest in an early warning weather station. These weather stations are available at a discount price of \$39.95 at Price Chopper on Main Street. If you have questions about Gardner's Emergency Preparedness, contact the Department of Public Safety at 856-7312.

Elm Street Bridge Closed

The Elm Street Bridge has been closed due to a structural deficiency. Temporary barricades are in place, while the Public Works Department awaits the installation of permanent barricades. The bridge will remain closed to automobile and pedestrian traffic until further notice. There is no planned replacement of the bridge at this time, however it may be reopened to pedestrian use. If you have questions, contact Public Works at 913-856-0914.

Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of the month (All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

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